

REMARKS

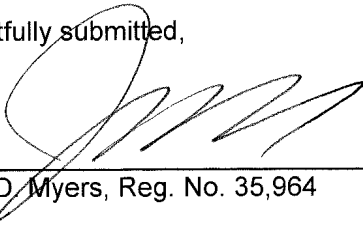
The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation, as is the extension of telephone interviews on December 28, 2006 and January 17-18, 2007, during which the substance of this present Amendment was discussed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 12, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sanderson (U.S. Patent No. 4,790,230), and claims 6, 8-11, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanderson in view of Fields or Brull. The rejections are traversed, particularly in view of the claims as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the sensor of the invention extends beneath the bottom surface of the open fallboard and that the sensor senses movements of the key behind the fallboard.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the Attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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